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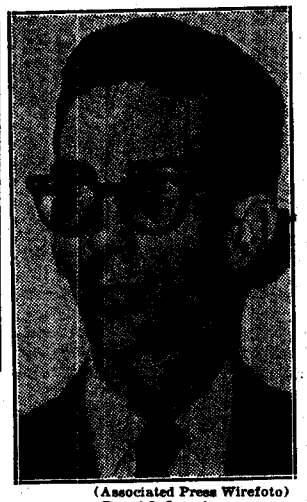
A Second Man Shows Up in New JFK Quiz

New Orleans, Feb. 23 (UPI)—Another figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy showed up in Garrison's office today. The man, David Lewis, 26, said David W. Ferrie, the former airline pilot found dead yesterday, was not



(Associated Press Wirefoto)
David Lewis
Turns up at DA's office

one of the "possible members" of a conspiracy which Garrison believes existed in New Orleans.

Coroner Nicholas Chetta of Orleans Parish (county) meanwhile, ruled out murder in Ferrie's death. He said there was no evidence of tissue damage, which would have resulted if the brain hemorrhage that doctors say caused death had been due to a blow.

But there was still no official ruling on whether Ferrie, 49, died by his own hand, as Garrison believes, or by a massive cerebral hemorrhage. His nude body was found in his apartment.

Lewis, who handles baggage at a Continental Trailways bus depot and claims to have been a private detective who knew "four or five" members of a 1963 plot against the President, dropped out of sight last night. He showed up again late this morning at Garrison's office to say he did not believe Ferrie was one of the group he knew.

Reaffirms Opinion

Garrison used the occasion to call a news conference to declare once again that the dead man was "involved in the events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy."

Lewis had said Monday he feared for his life. He was the one who told the press that he had given Garrison names of four or five persons he knew to be linked in what he felt was a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy.

Lewis would not clarify how, or under what circumstances, he knew Lee Oswald in the weeks before the assassination.

A Washington Post reporter, George Lardner Jr., said he interviewed Ferrie from 11 P.M. Tuesday until nearly 4 A.M. yesterday and Ferrie "was certainly living when I said good-by to him."

Lardner wrote in a copyrighted story that Ferrie told him he never knew Oswald, that he had nothing to do with the assassination, and that the public preoccupation with Kennedy's death was "ghoulish."

In Washington, sources said: "There's no need for any investigation. The allegations of Ferrie's connection with the assassination plot were washed out by the investigation done for the Warren Commission."

The investigation showed that Ferrie and his plane were in New Orleans at the time Kennedy was shot in Dallas. A New Orleans policeman subsequently told the commisson he thought the plane was in no condition to fly.